

January 13, 2003

Public Notice for Section 401 Water Quality Certification

**Siskiyou County Department of Public Works
Canyon Creek Bridge Abutment Replacement
WDID No. 1A02198WNSI**

Siskiyou County

On October 28, 2002, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Siskiyou County Department of Public Works requesting Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401, Water Quality Certification for the Canyon Creek Bridge Abutment Replacement project in Siskiyou County. The application was deemed complete on January 2, 2002. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Canyon Creek and Scott River Hydrologic Area No. 105.4.

The proposed project is located at Scott Bar in Siskiyou County in Section 27, Township 44 North, Range 11 West, HB&M.

The proposed project will repair both bridge abutments on Canyon Creek Bridge. The deteriorated timber abutments will be replaced by rock gabion structures with concrete caps. Two alder trees will be removed to accommodate the placement of a temporary detour bridge. Removal of the trees does not represent a significant change to the riparian zone. No expansion of the existing use is represented by the project. No work will be performed in the wetted channel of Canyon Creek. The project will have no significant impact on the environment.

The total area of temporary impact is approximately 0.0025 acre. The project will not permanently impact the area. Approximately 30 cubic yards of existing material will be removed and replaced at the site.

Compensatory mitigation is not required for this project. Noncompensatory mitigation measures for this project include performing work during the dry season and implementing construction and post construction Best Management Practices

The California Department of Fish and Game, as the lead agency, has determined that this project is Categorical Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15301, Class 1.

The Canyon Creek Bridge Abutment Replacement project is scheduled to begin August 1, 2003 and end October 15, 2003. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341). In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Miguel Villicana at (707) 576-2347, or at villm@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.